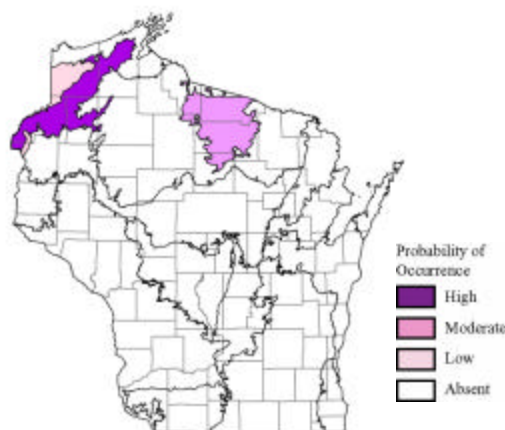


Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow (*Ammodramus nelsoni*)

Species Assessment Scores*

State rarity:	5
State threats:	4
State population trend:	3
Global abundance:	3
Global distribution:	5
Global threats:	4
Global population trend:	2
Mean Risk Score:	3.7
Area of importance:	2

* Please see the [Description of Vertebrate Species Summaries \(Section 3.1.1\)](#) for definitions of criteria and scores.



Ecological Landscape Associations

Please note that this is not a range map. Shading does not imply that the species is present throughout the Landscape, but represents the probability that the species occurs somewhere in the Landscape.

Landscape-community Combinations of Highest Ecological Priority

Ecological Landscape	Community
Northern Highland	Northern sedge meadow
Northwest Lowlands	Northern sedge meadow
Northwest Sands	Northern sedge meadow

Threats and Issues

- Succession of sedge meadows to shrub carr, due to lack of fire or other management to suppress woody growth.
- Drainage or flooding (altered hydrology) of large northern sedge meadows preferred by this species. Conversion of drained sedge meadows to other land uses.
- Habitat fragmentation may also be an issue for this species.
- This species does not tolerate grazing.
- Invasion by woody plants or by reed canary grass, purple loosestrife, etc. can degrade habitat quality.

Priority Conservation Actions

- Educate public on the value of large sedge meadows.
- Work to preserve and maintain condition of large expanses of northern sedge meadows.